GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:65
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PRICE OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of pesticides meant for sprinkling over the crops are being closely monitored by the Government;

(b) if so, the names of the authority granting permission to various companies for increasing the price of their products;

(c) the comparative prices of main pesticides for the last three years, pesticide-wise;

(d) whether the rate of increase in the prices of pesticides during the above periods reasonable;

(e) if so, whether the prices of agricultural items are also being increased in the same proportion; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to minimise the price of pesticides and agricultural items?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): There is no statutory control on the prices of pesticides.

(c): A statement indicating the comparative prices of main pesticides, pesticide-wise, for the last three years is annexed.

(d)to(f): The prices of pesticides being used in agriculture sector have not varied significantly during the last three years. The Government have been encouraging indigenous production of pesticides to ensure availability of pesticides at reasonable prices.

Annexure

COMPARATIVE PRICES OF THE KEY PESTICIDES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS (1997-98 TO 1999-2000)

(Rate Rs. per kg./litres)

S.No.	Name of Pesticides	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
1.	2,4-D Sodium Salt 80%	177	146	160
2.	Anilophos 30% EC	235	218	193
3.	Atrazine	133	N.A.	N.A.
4.	B.T.Bacillius thuringiensis	N.A.	1050	1128
5.	BHC 10% DP	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
6.	Benthiocarb	N.A.	240	N.A.
7	Butachlor 5% GR	25	N.A.	N.A.
8.	Butachlor 50% EC	187	177	153
9.	Carbandazim 50% WP	497	397	339
10.	Carbofuran 3G	59	N.A.	54

11.	Chlorpyriphos 20% EC	281	229 166
12.	Copper Ozychloride 50% WDP	177	156 186
13.	Copper Sulphate	N.A.	54 N.A.
14.	Cypermethrin 10% EC	357	300 219
15.	Cypermethrin 25% EC	N.A.	413 427
16.	Dichlorovos 76%	385	315 261
17.	Dimethoate 30% EC	212	185 204
18.	Endosulphan 35% EC	245	219 216
19.	Fenvalarate 20% EC	357	269 270
20.	Isoproturon 50%	400	326 329
21.	Malathion 5% Dust	N.A.	N.A. 10
22.	Malathion 50% EC	200	148 143
23.	Mancozeb 75% WP	219	223 229
24.	Methyl Parathion 50% EC	306	292 323
25.	Monocrotophos 36% SL	379	288 123
26.	Neem Based Insect 0.03%	132	N.A. N.A.
27.	Neem Based Insect 0.15%	246	285 319
28.	Phorate 10G	58	46 42
29.	Phospamidan 85% SL	439	374 368
30.	Quinalphos 25% EC	365	226 242
31.	Quinalphos 5% GR	65	N.A. N.A.
32.	Thiram	N.A.	157 129
33.	Zinc Phosphide 80%	N.A.	N.A. 308

Source: State Departments of Agriculture

N.A. : Not available.